ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fourteenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

COLUMBIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

ANNIE YORK CHURCH,

Geneva County, Alabama, November 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1898.

OFFICERS:

I. A. WHITE, - - - - - Moderator.
R. M. JACKSON, - - - - - Clerk.
B. A. FORRESTER, - - - - Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

N. S. Fellows, C. C. Radney and Daniel Williams.

Next session to be held with Haleburg Church, Henry County, Alabama, ten miles North of Columbia, Commencing Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1899, and continuing three days.

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1898.

To
M. M. Wood
East Lake Ala

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

I. Called to order by former Moderator.
II. Introductory Sermon.
III. Reading of Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
IV. Organization.
V. Petitionary Letters.
VI. Called for Correspondents and Visiting Brethren.
VII. Appointing Correspondents.
VIII. Appointing Special Committees as follows:
1. On Preaching.
2. On Finance.
3. On Nominations.
4. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
5. On Time and Place.
6. On Documents.
IX. Report of Standing Committees as follows:
1. Executive Committee.
2. Treasurer.
3. Temperance.
4. Orphanage.
5. Missions, (1)State, (2)Home, (3)Foreign.
6. Education.
7. Sunday Schools.
8. Ministerial Education.
X. Report of Special Committees.
XI. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES.

1. The Columbia Baptist Association met, according to adjournment, in its Fourteenth Annual Session, with Annie York Church, Geneva County, Ala., Wednesday, November 2, 1898.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. P. Stewart; text Acts 1: 8.

3. In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. I. A. White was made Moderator pro tem; R. M. Jackson, Clerk. The Moderator called the Association to order, proceeded to collect the letters from the churches and appointed F. W. Zimmerman and N. S. Fellows to read the letters and enroll the messengers as follows:

Annie York—W. M. Fortson and J. C. Shiver.
Ashford—R. R. Adams.
Bay Springs—F. A. Brookings and J. T. Farr.
Balkum—(letter by the pastor).
Bethel—A. I. Cobb, B. B. Parsons and J. W. Smith.
Bluff Springs—A. F. Sinquefield, J. N. Yon and F. L. Fellows.
Camp Springs—W. H. Howard and J. E. McCorkle.
Columbia—F. A. Grimsley and P. G. Thompson.
Corrinth—H. B. White and W. W. Clark.
Cowarts—Milus Kirkland, J. W. Newberry and T. J. Forrester.
Dothan—I. A. White, P. H. Askew and F. W. Zimmerman.
Ebenezer—S. D. Howard and Thos. Weeks.
Enterprise—J. P. Gillstrap.
Haleburg—J. E. Register and S. T. Hall.
Hickory Grove—J. D. Pearce.
Memphis—Thos. Butler.
Midway—C. M. Murphree and J. A. Deal (without letter).
Mt. Arrarat—W. R. Nall.
Mt. Enon—J. M. Rodgers.
Mt. Gilead—I. J. Austin and B. J. Brookins.
Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Key.
New Providence—J. T. Atwell.
Pilgrims Rest—W. P. Jordon.
Pleasant Plains—L. A. Kirkland.
Rehobath—J. M. Baxley, O. H. Harrell and E. J. Sharpstone.
Selma—P. L. Martin, S. L. Lisenby and T. M. Whiddon.
Sharon—B. H. Whitten and D. D. Holmes.
Union Hill—D. P. Outlaw and John Outlaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Howard.

Minutes of the Morning Session read and adopted.

1. The organization of the Association was effected by the election of I. A. White, Moderator; R. M. Jackson, Clerk; and B. A. Forrester, Treasurer.

2. Under call for petitionary letters a letter from the church of Corrinth was presented, and on motion the church was received into the Association, the messengers given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator and seated.

3. Correspondents were announced as present from the following Associations, viz: Revs. S. A. Savell and A. J. Conant from the Geneva; Revs. A. J. Preston, W. H. F. Smith and A. H. Taylor from the Judson; Rev. S. L. Loudermilk from the Newton; Rev. J. W. Johnson from the West Florida.

4. The Association recognized visiting Brethren, Revs. A. J. Preston, State Evangelist, J. A. Howard, of the Alabama Baptist, J. W. Stewart, of the Orphan's Home, S. L. Loudermilk, of the Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute. They were cordially received and welcomed.

5. The following brethren volunteered as messengers to corresponding Associations, and were so recognized: Newton, F. W. Zimmerman; Geneva, J. J. White, J. R. Keyton, J. D. Pearce and J. D. Courtney; West Florida, J. D. Courtney and J. D. Pearce; Judson, S. T. Spivey.

6. The following committees were appointed to report at this session, viz: On Preaching, Sylvester Martin with the pastor and delegates of this church; on Finance, Milus Kirkland, P. G. Thompson and J. E. McCorkle; on Nominations, B. A. Forrester, F. A. Grimsley and Thos. Butler; on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, P. L. Martin, A. F. Sinquefield and S. T. Hall; on Time and Place of Next Meeting: J. T. Howard, H. B. White and W. H. Key; on documents: N. S. Fellows, J. N. Yon, Marvin Baxley and J. M. Rodgers.

7. Bro. N. S. Fellows read the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We find nothing as an Executive Committee to report; the duties guarded and looked into by us have been discharged, the money coming to the Association has been disposed of as the Association ordered.

Respectfully submitted, N. S. Fellows, Chairman.

8. Bro. B. A. Forrester read the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

B. A. Forrester, in account with the Columbia Association:

Nov. 4, 1897,	By Balance on hand,	$1.16
" " "	" Am't received from Finance Com.	$198 22
" " " "	" for Orphans Home.	$21 85
" " " "	" " State Missions,	$14 14
" " " "	" " Foreign "	$1 00
" " " "	" " Associational Purposes,	$2 50
" " " "	" " Education of Bro Chancy.	$5 65
Mar. 12 1898,	" " From Enterprise Ch. "	$1 00
" " " "	" " Cowarts " "	$15 00
		$260 52
Nov. 4 1897,	To am't paid A. J. Preston State Missions,	$3 90
" " " "	" " " " Home "	$47 01
" " " "	" " " " Foreign "	$50 66
" " " "	" " " " Orphans Home,	$60 92
Dec. 7 "	" " " " " "	State Missions, $14 14
" " "	" " " " " "	Foreign Missions, 1 00
" " "	" " " " " "	Ed. Chancy, $5 65
Jan. 8 1898,	Paid R. M. Jackson, Clerk Service,	$25 00
" " "	" Columbia Breeze printing minutes	$25 00
Apr. 1, "	For Registration Fees and Postage,	20
" " "	Check to J. O. Chancy,	$16 00
" " "	Balance on Hand,	$11 04
		$260 52
By balance due Columbia Association,		$11 04

B. A Forrester, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

9. Call for the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee being absent the subject was left to discussion, and was richly discussed by W. P. Stewart, P. G. Thompson. A. J. Preston, S. A. Savelle, J. D. Pearce, J. A. Howard and I. A White. Bro. F. W. Zimmerman offered the following resolution:

Resolved 1st, That we reaffirm our loyalty to the temperance cause; 2nd, That we earnestly urge our brethren to total abstanance. Adopted.

10. On motion of W. P. Stewart to hear report on hospitality read by Bro. W. P. Deshazo, and homes assigned the mes-

sengers. Report on preaching Bro. S. L. Loudermilk to preach at the church to-night. Reports adopted.

11. On motion the hour for meeting was fixed at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING NOV. 3RD.

12. Called to order at 9 o'clock. After devotional exercies led by Bro. J. O. Chancy, the Association went into regular business. Minutes of yesterday read, and after proper amendments they were adopted.

13. The committee on Orphanage not being ready to report, Brother J. W. Strwart was invited to address the Association about the Orphan's Home, which he did in a way that no one except J. W. Stewart, the father of the fatherless, could do. Bro. J. A. Howard made a short talk on the Orphanage, followed by that generous-hearted B. A. Forrester, who started his speech with a liberal contribution, which was raised to the amount of $20.35 for the Orphan's Home.

14. Bro. W. P. Stewart read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, regret to report that we are falling far behind other states in our State Mission work. We have only 17 missionaries at work and they are poorly paid. We are sure that our missionaries have done faithful work but we fear that some of them have had to live on promises. We began the year with a debt of several hundred dollars, so the money contributed had to be applied upon these debts, and our missionaries have had to wait. We are glad, however, to be able to report that our Board will not be more than $500 00 behind when the Convention meets. We ought to pay out of debt and double our number of Missionaries. Let us bear our part in this work at home. It is the beginning at Jerusalem—it is taking care of the root of the great Mission tree. Let us so water it with tears, and with consecrated hand so cultivate it, that every leaf and twig will sparkle with divine brightness. Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Stewart, Chairman Committee.

15. Bro. J. J. White read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We are only able to make a brief report to be spread on our Associational minutes. We are able to show though, that our work has gone on progressively this year. Last year our home board was in debt, $8,000. Our contributions together with the economical management of our faithful Missionaries enabled the board to come out of debt, and have a balance of $620 80 on hand. But the increasing needs year by year as it attempts to supply the spiritual wants of our people. The board becomes more impressed not only that the field of destitution widens but the importance of our world's evangelization becomes more and more manifest. Should any child of Grace feel at ease when he knows of the twenty five millions of people of whom twenty millions are unaccountable beings, and of those not more than eight millions make any profession of religion, leaving twelve million unregenerated, unaccountable beings and of this number about six millions are included among the Missionary Baptists.

Now what the board asks: 1st, That its claims to a higher place among the con-

tributions and prayers of the churches be earnestly considered. All our work succeeds in proportion as home mission work is made aggressive and successful.

2nd, We ask our brethren to hear the Macedonian call coming from so many places where a little help now given to struggling churches, would bridge the chasm between failure and success.

3rd, We ask earnest attention to work in our cities. The success which has attended our work in many places has been very encouraging.

4th, The Board asks the Association to consider to needs of the negroes.

5th, That we look after the many foreigners, who through divine providence are brought to our doors annually—they are dependent upon us for a pure gospel

6th, We are asked that Cuba, who with joyous heart now listen to those coming to her, may have an opportunity of being freed from superstition and enjoy the peace of conscience with God's dear children,

7th, That all who love God, and love their country, and love humanity, unite in an earnest prayerful effort to bring America to Christ, that Christ may use America in the world's evangelization and for that cause the Churches be asked to raise not less than one hundred thousand dollars It can be done by each member of the several Churches giving 25cts per member next year

J. J. White, J. K Prevatt, M P. Gilmore. Committee.

16. Bro. A. J. Preston read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Year after year a report or rather an essay is presented, and adopted by this body Some of these essays, if not all of them, advocate the mission cause in the strongest terms We declare to the world, by these reports that we are missionaries, but by our acts, if we may judge by the letters sent up here, we say to the world we are anti missionaries or at least omissionaries. The last report on Foreign Missions to our State Convention shows that the one hundred and eighteen thousand white Baptists in this state for the past twelve months gave only six thousand one hundred and seven dollars. Of this amount the two thousand four hundred and sixty members of the Columbia Association gave only eighty one dollars and sixty-six cents or a little more than three and one-third cents per member. If adopting reports would satisfy the demand and would be accepted as obedience to the command of our Master, your Committee would say let us continue to adopt reports; but if it is our duty to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, then we would urge upon our members to begin to practice what they preach. Let us go back to our churches with a determination to show our faith by our works. Let our beloved Association wipe out her shame by taking her stand with our very best Associations for Jesus and his cause. The evangelization is our work. If the the inhabitants of earth are ever to know the truth we must give it to them. "The harvest is plenteous, but the labourer's are few Let us be up and doing while it is called to-day."

Respectfully submitted

G W. Olliff. Chairman.

17. Motion to suspend business for preaching. Bro. J, W. Stewart preached an able Sermon on Duty. Text 1 Cor. 2: 2. After which a collection of $5.00 was raised for missions. Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

18. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Pearce.

19. Bro. J. W. Stewart read the

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage was temporarily located and opened Mar. 10, 1893. It was permanently located there in November of the same year. Our property there is worth about ten thousand dollars, and is all paid for. Since the Home was started there have been received into it 101 children. 42 have gone out of it leaving 59 in it at present. The cheif thing that commends a child to our Orphanage, is, that it is

an Orphan in deep need. The boys are taught to do farm and other out door work, and the girls do numerous kinds of house work. All that are old enough attend the agricultural school; all attend S. S. and church. Fifteen of them have been baptised. They are diligently trained to become useful men and women. We cordially commend it to the support of our churches, and urge them to make contributions of money, food, bedding, clothing or anything that can be used in a large family. We rejoice that we have such a home and commend it to the prayerful consideration of our people, and pray God to guide his servants who have charge of it, that they may be able to bring up the little ones committed to them to His praise.

Respectfully submitted, A. F Sinquefield, Chairman.

Report adopted.

20. The subject of Missions was then taken up and discussed jointly by Brethren W. P. Stewart, A. J. Preston, I. A. White, S. L. Loudermilk and J. A. Howard. The reports were adopted. The Committee on preaching report: Rev. J. A. Howard to preach to-nigh. Rev. I. A. White on tomorrw.

21. Bro. S. L. Loudermilk read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At this day of increasing intelligence it is unnecessary to argue the necessity and importance of an education—this is recognized, proper education, and the best means of securing the same, is the most important question with us now.

Baptists have always been the champions of popular education and intelligence, and it is their bounden duty more than ever. to take active interest in the teachers, text-books and local schools where our children are to receive their first and most indelible teachings.

But when we come to select boarding schools abroad to send our children for more advanced training, we should be exceedingly guarded and wise. It is unbaptistic unamerican and unscriptural to send your childred to a Catholic School. The proper province of the State is to train the children in the local schools and common branches, but the higher education of our people properly belongs to the churches of Christ, for nothing else can truly and properly educate in the higher sense. Higher and proper education consists in the co-training and developing of the moral (as well) as the mental and physical powers. and no institution in the world can possibly meet this need but the church. Parents should select such schools as will be governed by men and women of high piety, and such communities as will furnish the BEST social and religious influence and advantages, and baptists should especially provide and support just such schools within reach of all sections of our country. It is the duty of the Alabama baptists to support and patronize the Judson Institute, the Howard College, and the Seminary at Louisville, just as far as possible.

We announce with pleasure the establishment of the Southeast Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute, at Newton, Dale County, Ala.. as the Baptist School of this section for the advanced education of our youth, and we especially note its remarkable and unequalled low rates of board and tuition, and gladly and heartily recommend our people to patronize it.

In view of the fact that the Baptist Church at Newton offers the school, property and all to the Baptist free of charge, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution by this Association. Respectfully, R. M. Jackson, Chairman.

Whereas, We, as a Missionary Baptist people, representing and constituting the Columbia Baptist Association, fully realizing the great importance of the proper education of the children of our country; and

Whereas, We, believing it to be proper and right, when practicable, to educate our children in schools and Institutions of learning under the auspices of the Missionary Baptist Denomination; and

Whereas. We, having ascertained it to be a fact, that The Southeast Alabama Collegiate Institute has been located at Newton, Dale County, Ala., is now in session with bright prospects. under a Board of Trustees composed of Missionary Baptists, and being taught by an efficient faculty composed of Missionary Baptists, to be un-

der the auspices of the Baptist denomination of Southeast Alabama; Therefore, be it Resolved.

1st, That the Columbia Baptist Association, through the messengers composing the same, endorse said school, and adopt the same as The Missionary Baptist School of Southeast Alabama, with all of its intents and purposes, as exhibited by its Constitution.

2nd, That this Association, during its present session, appoint a Trustee or Trustees for said school, and he or they be hereby authorized to co-operate with the Board of Trustees for said school; and that we herein and hereby recommend that the Missionary Baptist Denomination of Southeast Alabama adopt and patronize said school.

The report was discussed by Bro. S. L. Loudermilk. The report was tabled for special order to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

22. The Moderator appointed Bro. J. R. Keyton to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning at 8.30 o'clock.

23. Adjourned. Benediction by Bro. J. J. White.

FRIDAY MORNING NOV. 4TH, 1898, 8:30.

24. After devotional services conducted by Bro. J. R. Keyton, the Moderator called the Association to order. Minutes of yssterday read and adopted.

25. Nine o'clock having arrived, the special order, the report on education was taken up, the resolution to the report was read by the Moderator. On motion N. S. Fellows, to strike out the resolution from the report, discussed by brethren J. R. Keyton, N. S. Fellows, S. Williford, and B. A. Forrester. On motion F. W. Zimmerman, to refer the resolution to the committee on Education to be adopted at next session, and that Bro. B. A. Forrester be added to the Committee on the resolution. On motion the name of B. A. Forrester was taken off and Bro. F. W. Zimmerman made Chairman of Committee on the resolution. Motion adopted. Brethren I. A. White and J. A. Howard addressed the body on education, after which the report was adopted.

26. Bro. F. W. Zimmerman read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From information gathered we must confess that the interest in S. S. work has declined during the past year. Letters of the churches to this Association to some extent, failed to report S. S's. in active operation and by that we are led to the conclusion, that, outside of churches in towns within this Associatton, there are very few alive at present. If such be the case, the question arises, "What are the causes of this neglect?" and next, "What is the remedy?" It cannot be that the pastors are losing sight of this important work, for they are always prompt and insisting at our Associations with their advice and encouragement and surely they will not neglect their own advice when at home.

Your committee is impressed that the importance of educating the spirit and soul of the youths is now of great moment as when the Savior said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven,"

We would impress upon the churches the necessity of a live S. S and when they are at work, to report such work in full, giving to the Association complete statistics as well as such information or suggestion as would redound to the good of others in the same work.

We further suggest that if churches have neglected to report Sunday Schools which are at work, they are requested to make verbal report now.

F. W. Zimmerman.

Brethren, J. R. Keyton, B. A. Forrester, W. P. Stewart, J. A. Howard, A. H. Taylor and I. A. White spoke to the report and it was then adopted.

The following churches by their messengers made verbal report of Sunday Schools:

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.
Ashford	S. T. Usher	58
Camp Springs	J. F. Hasty	35
Columbia	A. A. Jones	72
Cowarts	B. A. Forrester	120
Dothan	B. G. Farmer	150
Haleburg	W. D. McLelland	40
Hickory Grove	C. C. Hatton	43
Pilgrim's Rest	R. J. Pelham	70
Rehoboth	J. M. Baxley	25
Sharon	T. R. Whitten	20

27. The Committee on Ministerial Education being absent, Bro. B. A. Forrester read the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministeral Education, find from data furnished us by the various churches of the Columbia Association that a fund of has been raised and applied to the general fund set apart for the purpose of aiding indigent and worthy young men in securing an education—young men who are unable to educate themselves for the noble work and high calling to which they have been called. It is the sense of your committee that an imperative demand for an educated ministry is constantly growing, from the fact that the people are progressing and becoming more intelligent. Therefore we would respectfully recommend that each church in this Association adopt some systematic way of contributing to this laudable and important fund, a system by which every member can be made to feel the necessity of contributing. It is known to your committee that Owen Chancy, a member of the Baptist Church, at Dothan, is a deserving, humble christain, who feels the divine call to the ministry, is making a hard and honest effort to prepare himself for his God given work, and that he is without means. Bro. Chancy is at Howard College and expects every Baptist of the Association to help.

We earnestly hope that everyone will feel impressed te do something to promote Ministerial Education. Respectfully submitted, B. A. Forrester.

Brethren B. A. Forrester, S. Williford and I. A. White, spoke to the report, and it was then adopted. Pledges from the churches for ministerial education were then asked for, to which the several messengers from the following churches

pledged the amount opposite their church to be paid by April 1st, 1899.

Annie York, $1.00; Ashford, $2.00; Bay Springs, $1,00; Bluff Springs, $1.00. Camp Springs, $1.00; Columbia, $15.00; Corinth, $1.00; Cowarts, $10.00; Dothan, $30.00; Ebenezer, $.50; Enterprise, $1.00; Haleburg, $2.00; Memphis, $1.00 Mt. Enon, $.100; Mt. Pleasant, $1.00; Pilgrims, $2.50; Selma, $3.00; Sharon, $1.00.

28. Bro. B. A. Forrester read the

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations submit the following brethren as delegates to the State Convention: G. H. Malone, G. L. Campbell. P. G. Thompson, I. A. White, B G. Farmer, J W. Brown, W. P. Stewart, J. J. White, M. Cody Sr., and A. A Jones; we also nominate Rev. I. A. White, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. R. Keyton, alternate. We nominate Rev. I. A. White to preach the Introductory Sermon at next session, Rev. G. W Olliff, alternate.

B. A. Forrester, F. A. Grimsley, Thos. Butler, Committee.

Report adopted.

29. Bro. S. T. Hall read the report

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, after examining the letters find that through the goodness of God all our Ministers and Deacons have been spared to us through another Associational year. Respectfully submitted,

S. T. Hall, A. F. Sinquefield, P. L. Martin, Committee.

A prayer of thanks to God for his mercies led by Bro. H. L. Lisenby, after which the above report was adopted.

30. The Committee on Time and Place not being ready to report, motion by Bro. F. W. Zimmerman, that the next session of this body meet with Haleburg Baptist Church, Henry County, Ala., 10 miles North of Columbia, at 10:30 o'clock (with devotional exercises) Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1899. Motion adopted.

31. Bro. N. S. Fellows read the

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We your committee have examined all the letters, and find nothing of interest to report, we find that the churches at Ashford, Halesburg and Mt. Arrarat ask that this Association convene with them at its next session. Respectfully,

N. S. Fellows, J. N. Yon, J. M. Rodgers, Committee.

32. Bro. N. S. Fellows offered the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered, to the members of Annie York Church and the good people of the community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association. And to our worthy Moderator for the efficient manner in which he presided over this body.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S Fellows.

Resolution adopted by a rising vote.

33. On motion of Bro. S. Williford a collection to the amount of $2.20 was raised for Bro. Jas. C. Skipper.

34. On motion Bro. J. R. Keyton the clerk was allowed $25.00 for his services, and was instructed to have 800 copies of the minutes printed on the best paper, and in the neatest style possible, and that the front page of the cover contain the name of the Association, Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Committee and the time and place of next meeting.

Motion adopted.

35 Minutes of to-day read and adopted.

36. On motion of W. P. Stewart that the business session being over, we have the closing sermon by I. A. White, after which we take the parting hand. The congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound." Bro. I. A. White preached a deep and interesting sermon from Luke 6:38. after which the parting hand was taken. Prayer by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned, sine die.

I. A. White Moderator, R. M. Jackson Clerk.

APPENDIX.

NOTE.

1. In making out the statistical table I found that the Associational letters from Rehoboth and Sharon had gotten lost, and I wrote the Clerks to send me the statistics but they have neglected to do so, hence the blanks in the table.

2. The good sisters of the Association should have credit for all the amounts they have paid in, for all purposes, and I was anxious to do so, but the Clerks of their churches failed to make statements in a way that the amounts could be divided. I am informed that the "Willing Workers of Dothan Baptist Church," and "The Ladies Aid Society, of Cowarts Baptist Church;" have done great good in raising funds for the Lord's Cause." "The Young Peoples Society of Bluff Spring Church" raised a neat sum for the Orphans Home. For which may the Lord be praised; now I ask the Clerks of the several churches to make out your next Associational letters in a way that all information may be gained and due credit given, and may God bless and keep us all. Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the style and name of "The Columbia Baptist Association."

ART. 2. The object of the Association shall be to combine our Christian efforts for the purpose of carrying the appointed means of grace to dying men and women, and to regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal object shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending His kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and all other means within reach of a working christian organization.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches as follows: Each church having one hundred members or less shall be entitled to two messengers, and to one additional messenger for every fifty members or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred. But in the business of the Association whenever the messengers from any church desire it the vote shall be taken by churches in which case each church shall be entitled to two votes.

ART. 4. The messengers when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, and these officers shall be chosen by ballot, or otherwise as the body may decide at each annual meeting, and continue in office until their successors are chosen. Should any event transpire, so as to prevent any annual meeting of this Association, the Moderator shall have the power to call a meeting at any time and place, which meeting when convened, shall have all the rights of a regular meeting.

ART. 5. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all measures of internal government, and shall act in an advisory council assuming no authority but what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. But she nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of the compact by holding opinions repugnant to the doctrines of the Scriptures or are disorderly in practice.

ART. 6. Newly constituted churches or churches dismissed from Associations of the same faith and order may be admitted into this union on their sending up messengers to an annual meeting with a petition, and those messengers agreeing to the abstract principles adopted by the Association.

ART. 7. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of messengers, members in fellowship, baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored since last session, and such other information as the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 8. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by voluntary contribution of the churches; and all moneys thus contributed or otherwise received shall be transmitted through the finance committee to the Treasurer who shall be elected by ballot or otherwise, as the body may decide, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 10. This Association when convened shall be governed by proper rules setting forth the duties of officers and such other matters necessary for a deliberative body, and may alter or amend such rules from time to time by a majority vote of the body in annual session.

ART. 11. The Executive Committee shall attend to such duties as may be imposed upon it by the Association and when the Association is not in session this Committee shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment is not disapproved of by a majority of the churches in their written communications to the next annual session of the body.

DECORUM.

1st. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the deliberations of the Association in session, presesve order, submit motions or other matter and announce results when passed on by the body. He may have the same right of of speech as any other member provided the chair is occupied, but is not allowed to vote except the body be equally divided, in which case he shall give the casting vote

2nd It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the minutes of the proceedings in a clear and concise manner, and immediately after the adjournment of each annual session, to prepare a copy of the same for distri ution to the churches for the payment of which he shall draw his draft upon the Treasurer of the Association

3rd. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account af all moneys coming into his hands, as well as the manner in which it is distributed He shall only pay out money upon the order of the Association in session or the Executive Committee in vacation He shall render an annual statement to the Association of all funds received and distributed by him showing the balance if any, remaining on hand

4th This Association shall not consider any quely or other matter affecting the churches, unless they have first endeavored to solve the same and failed; nor any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to bring about a settlement and reconciliation, in which case the Association shall take such matters under consideration, and act upon them or not at her discretion.

5th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation and be acted upon by the body except it be withdrawn by the member who made it

6th. Every person who speaks in debate, shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject of debate.

7th. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the body And it shall be a violation of these rules for any member to abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body; and if he does so he shall be liable to reproof by the Moderator

8th. The Clerk, Treasurer and all members of the standing committees shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking and voting as other members, except in cases where the interests of any individual church is to be affected by the matter at. issue. In this latter case they may express their views, but shall not be allowed to vote

9th. These rules may be altered or amended by a majority of the members in session.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection. John 4:24 Ps. 147:5, Rom 1:20. Jer. 10.10, Ex 15:11, Rev 4:6, 8 John 10:30, John 5:17

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim 3:16, 17, Rom. 3:1, 2, 2 Tim. 3:15, Proverbs 30:5, 6, Rom 2:12

ART 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will Tim 1:8, 9, Eph 1:3, 12, 1 Pet 1:1, 2, Rom. 11:5, 6, Rom 8:28, 38, 2 Thess 2:13. 14 Ex. 33:18, 19, Matt. 20:15, 2 Pet 1:10, 11

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, Gen 1:27, Gen 3:6-24, Rom. 5:19, Eph 2:1, 3, Ezek 18:19 20

ART 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own will and ability Eph. 2:8, Matt. 8:11, Acts 15:11, Isa 51:4, 5 Heb 7 25

ART. 6 We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Acts 13:39, Rom. 5:9, Rom. 5.17, Rom. 4:4, 5. Rom. 5:19, Rom 5:1, 2.

ART 7 We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 3:3, John 3:6, 7, 8, 2 Cor. 5:17 John 1:13, James 1:14-18,

1 John 5:1.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. John 8:31, 1 John 2.19, Rom. 8:8, Phil. 1:6. Phil. 2:12, 13.

ART 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism. Acts 8:36-39, Matt. 3:5, 6, Matt. 28:19, Rom 6:4, Col 2:12, Acts 2:41. 42

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. 1 Pet. 4:7, Acts 1:11, Acts 24:15, Matt. 13:49, Matt. 25:31-46.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Mal. 3:18, 1 John 5:19, Prov. 14:32, Luke 16:25, John 8:21-24, Matt. 7:13, 14.

ART. 12 We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance unless he is called of God, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member. 1 Cor. 1:1-13, 2 Cor. 8:5, 1 Cor. 11:2, Rom. 16:17-20, 1 Cor. 4:17.

ART. 13. We believe that a proper administrator of the ordinance of baptism should be called of God, set apart by a Presbytery and in full fellowship with the church of which he is a member. Phil. 1:1, Acts 14:23, 1 Tim. 3, Titus 1.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Finance Committee, report collections as follows:

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS. STATE Cash	STATE Voucher	HOME Cash	HOME Voucher	FOR'GN Cash	FOR'GN Voucher	Am. Bapt. Publish'g Society. Cash	Am. Bapt. Publish'g Society. Voucher	EDUCATION. Ministerial. Cash	Ministerial. Voucher	Orph'n's Home. Cash	Orph'n's Home. Voucher	J. O. CHANCY. Ministerial.	J. C. SKIPPER.	MINUTES.	Associational Purposes	Total Cash and Vouchers.	Total Cash.
Annie York	3 00										20		4 50		1 00		1 20	1 20
Ashford	38				2 55										1 00		11 05	6 55
Balkum											1 00				1 25	1 00	3 63	3 33
Bay Springs															1 00		1 00	1 00
Bethel															90	71	1 61	1 61
Bluff Springs			5 00		6 00						5 46				1 50	1 00	18 96	18 96
Camp Springs		1 00								1 00					1 00	1 00	4 00	2 00
Columbia		30 00								19 50		20 00			2 00		71 50	2 00
Cowarts	50	5 65			22 35						36 40		15 00		1 50	1 00	82 40	61 75
Dothan	23 00	2 00	15 89	5 00	15 89	15 00						20 00			1 50	1 00	99 28	57 28
Ebenezer			1 60												1 50	50	3 60	3 60
Enterprise			50		50				50		1 00		1 00	50	1 00	1 00	6 00	5 00
Haleburg		3 25											1 75		1 00	50	6 50	1 50
Hickory Grove															50	60	1 10	1 10
Memphis															70	70	1 70	1 70
Mt. Ararat															1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Mt Enon															1 00	30	2 30	2 30
Mt. Gilead					85						1 00				75		1 60	1 60
Mt. Pleasant			2 00												1 30	25	3 55	3 55
New Providence								6 50							40	50	90	90
Pilgrim's Rest	1 55		75										2 50		1 75		13 05	4 05
Pleasant Plaines	1 50		1 50								2 00				1 50		6 50	6 50
Rehoboth											30				1 00	25	1 55	1 55
Selma			35		1 00						25				1 05		2 65	2 65
Sharon														85	50	50	1 85	1 85
Union Hill															1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Corinth															1 00		1 50	1 50
Cash Collection.	2 50				1 25						20 35			2 20			27 55	27 55
TOTAL,	32 93	41 90	28 84	5 00	50 39	15 00		6 50	50	20 50	67 96	40 00	24 75	3 55	29 90	12 81	380 53	226 88

Respectfully submitted,

Milus Kirkland, J. E McCorkle, P. G Thompson, Committee.

STATISTICS OF THE COLUMBIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1898.

CHURCHES.	CO.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Increase by Baptism	Increase by Letter.	Inc. by Restoration	Decrease by Letter.	Dec by Exclusion.	Decrease by Death.	Present Membr'sh'p	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Officers & Teach	Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and Postoffice.	Preaching Sabbath
Annie York	Geneva	J. D. Courtney	W. M. Fortson	Watford	10	1	1	6	8		58				3rd
Ashford	Henry	F M. Hauser	J. P. Dupree	Ashford	4	12	1	3	1		71	6	50	S. T. Usher, Ashford.	4th
Balkum	"	W. H. F. Smith	S. C. T. Sasser	Balkum	14	7		1	3		78				1st
Bay Springs	Dale	S. Williford	T. B Fortson	Dothan	1	1		3	1		42				1st
Bethel	Henry	J C. Skipper	G. W. Taylor	Dothan	5	5		5			91				4th
Bluff Springs	"	S. L. Loudermilk	M. A. Nowell	Ashford	4	7	2	3	7		122				2nd
Camp Springs	"	W. H. F. Smith	J. F. Hasty	Columbia	5	9		5		1	93				4th
Columbia	"		T. P. McGriff	Columbia	3	7		16	6	2	178	12	60	A A. Jones, Columbia.	
Corinth (*)	Geneva	J D. Courtney	Jas Clark	Fadette	4	13					30				
Cowarts	Henry	J. J. White	N. S Fellows	Cowarts	3	6		6	1		112		120	B. A Forrester, Cowarts.	1st
Dothan	"	I. A. White	S. A. Stapleton	Dothan	4	19		10	5	1	206	15	150	B. G Farmer, Dothan.	Every
Ebenezer	"	G. W. Olliff	M Dupree	Columbia	15	7	7	9	5	1	142				3rd
Enterprise	"	G. W. Olliff	R. M. Jackson	Ashford	10	5		5	2		59				4th
Gordon	"	Not Represented													
Haleburg	"	W. H. F. Smith	S. T Hall	Haleburg	6	5		5	1		80	7	40	W. D McLelland, Halebr'g	
Hickory Grove	"	M P. Gilmore	C C. Hatton	Harper	4	6		7	3	1	43		30	C. C. Hatton, Cottonwood	4th
Liberty	"	Not Represented													
Memphis	"	S. T. Spivey	J. M. Brackin	Dothan	1	1	2	8	13	1	104				
Midway	Dale														
Mt. Ararat	Henry	Z. Deese	W. R. Nall	Dothan	7	8		3	2		92				1st
Mt Enon	Geneva	S. T. Spivey	C G. Hughes	Dothan	2	5		5	3		101				4th
Mt. Gilead	"	J. D. Courtney	I. J. Austin	Dothan			1	6	4		28				
Mt. Pleasant	Dale	J J. White	J. M. Mann	Midland City	5	6	1	6	7		213				4th
New Providence	Geneva	Wm Sapp	J. S. McAlister	Fadette	4	4		16	3		32				3rd
Pleasant Grove	Henry	G W Olliff		Ashford											1st
Pleasant Hill	"														
Pleasant Plaines	"	G. W. Olliff	U. L. Webb	McRae		5		3		1	85				2nd
Pilgrim's Rest	"	W. P. Stewart	W. H Miller	Crosby	8	2		4	1		52	12	91	H. O. Swold, Jordon s h	2nd
Rehoboth	Geneva	S. T. Spivey	J. W. Battle	Taylor										R J. Pelham, Crosby	
Selma	"	S. T. Spivey	S Martin	Dothan	4	7		6	8		95				1st
Sharon	Henry	Z Deese	W. H Temples J	Dothan	3	3		16			42		20	T. R. Whitten, Dothan.	4th
Shiloh	"														
Union Hill	"	M P Gilmore	D P Outlaw	Cottonwood	6	10	1	12	2		102				

☞Corinth, the Church in above table mark thus (*) was Constituted during the year.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Armstrong, Aris,	Headland,	Henry	Ala.
Courtney, J. D.,	Fadette,	Geneva	"
Fordham, B. J.,	Pleasant Plains,	Henry	"
Gilmore, M. P.,	Cottonwood,	"	"
Keyton, J. R.,	Dothan,	"	"
Lisenby, H. L.,	"	"	"
Olliff, G. W.,	Ashford,	"	"
Paramore, J. R.,	Dothan,	"	"
Pearce, J. D.,	Harper,	"	"
Skipper, J. C.,	Dothan,	"	"
Spivey, S. T.,	"	"	"
Stewart, W. P.,	Columbia,	"	"
White, J. J.,	Cowarts,	"	"
White, I. A.,	Dothan,	"	"
Williford, S.,	Watford,	Geneva	"

☞NOTE.—So far as I can learn, the above list is correct. Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE—N. S. Fellows, C. C. Radney, Dan'l Williams

TEMPERANCE—W. P. Stewart, J. M. Rodgers; W. P. Jordan.

ORPHANAGE—B. A. Forrester, S. T. Spivey, S. H. Lane

STATE MISSIONS—F. W. Zimmerman, G. L. Cambell, S. T. Usher

HOME MISSIONS—J. P. Gillstrap, L. T. Meadows, S. Williford.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Aris Armstrong, J. R. Keyten, Z. Deese

EDUCATION—B. G. Farmer, J. R. G. Howell, A. F. Sinquefield.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. J. White, A. A. Jones, R. J. Pelham

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. W. Olliff, S. A. Stapleton, S. T. Hall.